

The Communicator

Career Orientation, Workplace Readiness,
Workforce Technology, Internship, Keystone,
Capstone, and Career Communication

ACOTA 2004 Fall & 2005 Spring POSTER CONTEST



1st Place
Shelby Meyer
Pottsville MS

Forty-nine posters were submitted from across the state for the ACOTA fall contest, and 44 were submitted for the spring contest.

The posters were displayed in the fourth-floor hallway of the Department of Workforce Education. Many employees and visitors commented

about the talent and creativity of the students who submitted posters.

All students received a certificate for their participation in each contest. In addition, the top ten posters received cash prizes.

The winning posters will be displayed at the Career Orientation Conference July 28-29 in Hot Springs.

The winning students and their teachers are:

1st Place

Maegan Williams

Chaffin JHS

Teacher: Ms. Cindy Allen

2nd Place

Tiffany Milum

Hamburg JHS

Teacher: Ms. Bettye Dillard

3rd Place

Brittney Clark

Russellville JHS

Teacher: Mr. Wayne Thompson

4th Place

Alexa Gilbert

Woodland JHS

Teacher: Ms. Julie Agler

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2nd Place
Hannah Foster
Pottsville MS

5th Place

Shelby Streeter

Hamburg JHS

Teacher: Ms. Bettye Dillard

6th Place

Cherrie Barfield

Cabot JHS

Teacher: Mr. Ray Henson

7th Place

Michael Wilkes

North Heights JHS

Teacher: Ms. Gail Skelton

8th Place

Jacob Harris

Cabot JHS

Teacher: Mr. Ray Henson

9th Place

Liz Dalton

Russellville JHS

Teacher: Ms. Angie Newman



3rd Place
Ebony McDaniel
Wynne JHS

We had a three-way tie for 10th place.

10th Place

Tyler Volavong

Chaffin JHS

Teacher: Ms. Cindy Allen

10th Place

Brea McCain

Norman JHS

Teacher: Ms. Sue Stanley

10th Place

Cassie Daws

Norman JHS

Teacher: Ms. Sue Stanley

ACOTA SPRING 2005 POSTER WINNERS

1st Place

Phillip Smith

Chaffin JHS

Teacher: Ms. Cindy Allen



1st Place
Phillip Allen
Chaffin JHS

2nd Place

Whitney Childers

Lake Hamilton JHS

Teacher: Ms. Carolyn Woodyard

3rd Place

Jasmine Frye

Norman JHS

Teacher: Ms. Sue Stanley

4th Place

Scott Jackson

Chaffin JHS

Teacher: Ms. Cindy Allen

5th Place

Kacie Hoelseman

Morrilton MS

Teacher: Ms. Shawyna Rogers



2nd Place
Whitney Childers
Lake Hamilton JHS

6th Place

Brianna Wilkins

Morrilton MS

Teacher: Ms. Shawyna Rogers

7th Place

Blair Woodward

Magnolia JHS

Teacher: Ms. Caroline Neeley

8th Place

Travis Arnold

Magnolia JHS

Teacher: Ms. Caroline Neeley

9th Place

Ramie Harrison

Mayflower MS

Teacher: Ms. Leigh Ann Raney

10th Place

Monica Runge

Mayflower MS

Teacher: Ms. Leigh Ann Raney

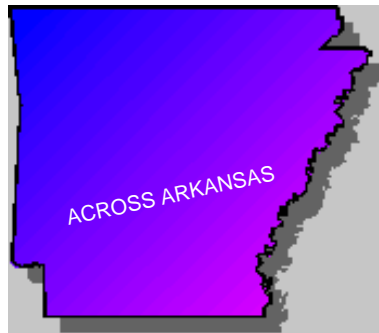


3rd Place
Jasmine Frye
Norman JHS

NATIONAL OFFICER

Congratulations to L.J. Bryant from Weiner High School who was elected to the 2004-2005 FCCLA National Executive Council as vice president of finance.

L.J. was our keynote speaker at the 2003 Career Orientation conference.



Congratulations go to **Alyce Hardee** at Courtway Middle School in Conway and **Lee Ann Stuart** at Ahlf Junior High School in Searcy!!!! Both CO teachers have completed the requirements for National Board Certification, a long, arduous task that results in national recognition for their excellence in teaching and their dedication to their profession. Their achievement is to be applauded.

JOB SHADOWING

February 2, 2005, was job shadow day for career orientation students in Sue Stanley's class at Norman Junior High School in Crossett. Several students wanted to job shadow at the new Super Wal-Mart that opened in mid-January. Students job shadowed in the deli, snack shack, bakery, greenhouse, tire department, electronics, photo, and pharmacy. One student shadowed a checkout lady and decided standing on her feet all day was much too hard.

If you have something you would like to brag about or an article that seems appropriate for this section, please submit to our office by mail or e-mail.



Tyler Brown, left, and Josh Smith, right, job shadowed with OSU Coach Larry Fedora.



Cassie Daws, whose first-semester poster on being a cosmetologist won at the state level, job shadowed at the Crossett School of Cosmetology.



Bre McCain, who did her poster on clothing designer, job shadowed at a local ladies' boutique.

On April 29, 2005, Career Orientation students at Lavaca Middle School got to participate in the first job shadow day. Students chose where they wanted to go and were encouraged to dream big. That is exactly what Josh Smith and Tyler Brown did. They asked Mrs. Mary Rollins, their teacher, if they could job shadow Houston Nutt at U of A. She said to call and ask. They did but were turned down. It would have been so easy to give up, but they called Arkansas Tech. Again, they were turned down. The third time was not a charm for these two boys when they called UCA and were again turned down. But these boys were not to be discouraged. They called OSU and, after talking to several people, were told to "come on down." Josh Smith's dad drove the boys to Stillwater on Friday and got to share in the experience.

The day was such a success that younger students are already looking for places to shadow.

ACOTA AWARDS THREE MINI GRANTS

The Arkansas Career Orientation Teachers' Association (ACOTA) is proud to announce the recipients of the 2004-2005 ACOTA Mini-Grant. Three CO teachers will receive \$100 each to implement a classroom activity for which they submitted a proposal. The teachers and their projects are:

- ✓ LaDonna Robertson, George Junior High, Springdale—"TNT - Teamwork and Technology"
- ✓ Sharla Hartzell, Dover Middle School, Dover—"Nature Scavenger Hunt" & "All About Me"
- ✓ Shawnya Rogers, Morrilton Middle School, Morrilton—"D.I.R.T."

As part of the assurances of the proposal, each recipient will present the activity at the 2005 summer CO inservice.

Grant proposals are due in the state office by October 1 and can be found on the CO Web site at

<http://dwe.arkansas.gov/CareerOrientation/Teacher%20Information.html>.

Congratulations to these teachers! We appreciate your commitment to the Career Orientation program and your dedication to making learning fun.

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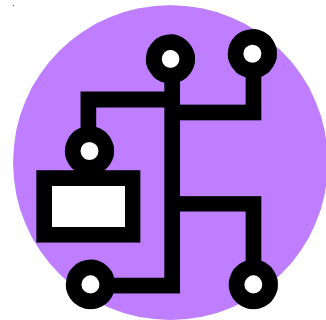
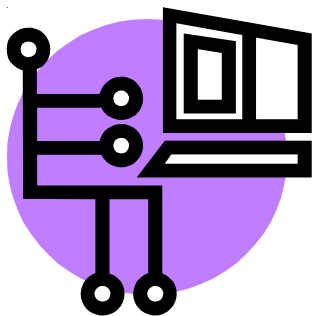
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IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Career Orientation

Internship

Keystone

Capstone (Senior Seminar)

Workforce Technology

Workplace Readiness

The Office of Career Guidance, Exploration, and Preparation is now communicating with all instructors via e-mail.

It is important that we have your correct e-mail address. This will be your link to the following information: announcements and registration information for inservices; resources; newsletters; announcements of application and contest deadlines; listings of Carl Perkins program improvement activities; information about changes in policy, etc.

Listed below are five steps to access information on the course that applies to you:

- 1) Go to the Workforce Education Web site -- dwe.arkansas.gov.
- 2) Go to the section for Career and Technical Education.
- 3) Select Secondary Career and Technical Education.
- 4) Select Occupation and Support Programs.
- 5) Select the heading Career Guidance, Exploration, and Preparation.

We strongly urge you to subscribe to the Office of Career Guidance, Exploration, and Preparation (CEP) listserv. You may do so by

selecting Related Links. This will take you to the correct page so you can subscribe.



***NOTE:** Be sure to enter your teacher information on the DWE Web site. Dates will be posted for your 2005-2006 information.

TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE VISITS 2005-2006

Each year Workforce Education program staff conduct technical assistance visits to school districts in designated parts of the state. As a result, most workforce education programs are visited at least every five years. The administration at your school will receive information prior to the visit that will give you the date and what we will be looking for when we visit.

The schools in the following co-ops, are scheduled for TAT visits in the school year 2005-2006.

- * **Dawson Co-op**
- * **Northwest Co-op**
- * **Pulaski County**



2004 ACOTA TEACHER OF THE YEAR

Mrs. Candice Page, Career Orientation teacher at Greenland Middle School, was selected as the Arkansas Career Orientation Teacher Association "Teacher of the Year" for 2004.

While teaching Career Orientation for 25, Mrs. Paige has used a variety of teaching strategies to introduce the curriculum to her students and says that hands-on activities in all areas are very popular.

Technology is used in several areas of her class, such as completing interest and learning style

assessments and researching individual job titles. When exploring the hospitality cluster, students research a state's tourism and make an informational brochure. In the marketing and sales cluster, students create an original magazine advertisement.

She believes it is interesting to integrate other subject areas into their career work. For example, a lesson on measuring with a ruler is used with a construction unit. Her students discuss art principles and design by creating a career poster and entering the two top entries in the state contest. Job shadowing is another way that she reinforces the concept of school-to-work connection to her eighth-grade students.

Mrs. Paige encourages her students to use critical thinking skills, set goals, develop plans, and implement them when they organize special projects throughout the school year.

Mrs. Paige shows a sincere interest in her students at Greenland Middle School, and we congratulate her on this honor!

ARKANSAS CAREER ORIENTATION TEACHERS' ASSOCIATION

JULY 1, 2005 - JUNE 30, 2006

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIP DUES-\$10

NAME SCHOOL _____ SCHOOL _____

SCHOOL ADDRESS _____

HOME ADDRESS _____

HOME PHONE _____

E-MAIL _____

MAKE CHECK PAYABLE TO A.C.O.T.A.

CHECK NUMBER _____ AMOUNT _____ DATE _____

MAIL TO: Office of Career Guidance, Exploration, and Preparation
Three Capitol Mall, Suite 409
Little Rock, AR 72201

RETURN BY JULY 15, 2005

REGISTRATION FORM

CAREER ORIENTATION INSERVICE TRAINING

JULY 28-29, 2005

ARLINGTON HOTEL

HOT SPRINGS

MAKE \$70 CHECK PAYABLE TO:

WILBUR D. MILLS EDUCATION COOPERATIVE

IF YOU ARE A NEW CO TEACHER OR IF THIS IS YOUR FIRST TIME TO ATTEND THE CO CONFERENCE, PLEASE PLAN TO ARRIVE EARLY. THERE WILL BE A SPECIAL MEETING WITH ALL FIRST-TIME ATTENDEES AT 9 A.M. JULY 28. MENTION WHEN PICKING UP YOUR REGISTRATION PACKET THAT THIS IS YOUR FIRST CO CONFERENCE.

NAME _____

NEW CO TEACHER OR FIRST-TIME ATTENDEE? _____

SCHOOL NAME _____

HOME ADDRESS _____

HOME PHONE NUMBER _____

E-MAIL ADDRESS _____

PLEASE LIST THE NAME(S) OF ANY GUEST(S) WHO WILL BE ATTENDING THE CONFERENCE EVENTS WITH YOU. INCLUDE \$30 IN YOUR REGISTRATION FEE FOR EACH GUEST.

Mail with \$70 (payable to Wilbur D. Mills Education Cooperative) by JULY 15, 2005, to:

Arkansas Department of Workforce Education
Attention: Nancy Morris
Three Capitol Mall, Ste. 409
Little Rock, AR 72201

	TOTAL
Registrant (\$70 IF RECEIVED BEFORE JULY 15)	
# OF GUEST x \$30	
TOTAL	

**LATE REGISTRATION FEE
AFTER JULY 15 - \$80.
ALL REFUNDS WILL BE
SUBJECT TO A \$20 HANDLING
FEE. NO REFUNDS WILL BE
ISSUED AFTER JULY 15, 2005.**



IMPORTANT DATES

April 1, 2005

Career Orientation

Spring posters, videos, scrapbooks, and community service projects are due

April 4-8, 2005

Career Orientation/Workplace Readiness test and frameworks revision

Little Rock, AR

June 6-7, 2005

Internship Inservice

AR Adult Learning Center
Little Rock, AR

July 28, 2005

Career Panorama due

CO Conference- Arlington Hotel-
Hot Springs, AR

July 28-29, 2005

Career Orientation Conference

Arlington Hotel
Hot Springs, AR

July 31 - August 2, 2005

ACTE

Embassy Suites
Civic & Convention Center
Hot Springs, AR

September 28-29, 2005

New CO Teacher Inservice

Arlington Hotel
Hot Springs, AR

September 30, 2005

Counselor's Conference

Arlington Hotel
Hot Springs, AR

October 26, 2005

Workplace Readiness, Workforce Technology, Keystone, Capstone, & Internship Endorsement Training
Arlington Hotel, Hot Springs, AR

October 27-28, 2005

Workplace Readiness, Workforce Technology, Keystone, Capstone, & Internship Inservice
Arlington Hotel
Hot Springs, AR



SUMMER CLASSES FOR CO ENDORSEMENT

University of Central Arkansas- Conway

Ms. Sherry Roberts, Instructor

MSTS 5311 - CO

MSTS 5312 - Activity-Based Learning Experiences

Dates: June 27 - July 8, 2005
July 11-20, 2005

Times: 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. (M-Th)

Contact: Sherry Roberts at (501) 450-5431 or sherryr@mail.uca.edu

University of Arkansas Fayetteville

**Dr. Cecelia Thompson and
Dr. Jack DeVore, Instructors**

VOED 5253 CO

VOED 5263 Application in CO

Dates: June 6 - July 8, 2005

Contact: Classes will be online. To register go to: <http://www.uacted.uark.edu/CreditStudies/OffCampusClasses>

Arkansas State University Jonesboro **Dr. David Agnew, Instructor**

VOED 4513 Methods of Organizing & Teaching CO

VOED 5513 Hands-on Activities and Observation Experiences for CO

Dates: July 5 - August 3, 2005
Times: 12:30-2:40 p.m. (M-Th)
2:50-5:20 p.m. (M-Th)

Contact: Dr. David Agnew at (870) 972-2087 or dagnew@astate.edu

Compressed video classes have been offered in the past. Check with Dr. Agnew to see if they will be offered this summer.

Register through the ASU Web as a regular student or through Continuing Education, (870) 972-3052.

Southern Arkansas University Magnolia

Dr. Jeff Horne, Instructor

COUN 6633 Methods of Organizing and Teaching CO

COUN 6643 Hands-on Activities and Observation in CO

Dates: June 1-June 30, 2005
Times: 7:30-9:30 a.m. (M-Th)

Contact: Dr. Jeff Horne at (870) 235-4341



**“SIMPLIFY,
SIMPLIFY”**

Henry David Thoreau

RETURN BY OCTOBER 15, 2005

REGISTRATION FORM

NEW TEACHER & CARL PERKINS INSERVICE

INTERNSHIP/WORKPLACE READINESS/WORKFORCE TECHNOLOGY/

SENIOR SEMINAR (CAPSTONE)

OCTOBER 27-28, 2005

ARLINGTON HOTEL

HOT SPRINGS

MAKE \$125 CHECK PAYABLE TO:

WILBUR D. MILLS EDUCATION COOPERATIVE

Please make your own hotel reservations with the Arlington. The cutoff date for room reservations is September 27, 2005. You may contact the Arlington at (501) 623-7771.

NAME _____

Please Check: ☐ New Teacher ☐ First-time Attendee

SCHOOL NAME _____

HOME ADDRESS _____

SCHOOL ADDRESS _____

HOME PHONE _____ SCHOOL PHONE _____

E-MAIL ADDRESS _____

PLEASE LIST THE NAME(S) OF ANY GUEST(S) WHO WILL BE ATTENDING THE CONFERENCE EVENTS WITH YOU. INCLUDE \$25 IN YOUR REGISTRATION FEE FOR EACH GUEST.

MAIL WITH CHECK or PO# (payable to Wilbur D. Mills Education Cooperative) BY OCTOBER 15, 2005, TO:
ARKANSAS DEPARTMENT OF WORKFORCE EDUCATION
ATTENTION: NANCY MORRIS
THREE CAPITOL MALL, STE. 409
LITTLE ROCK, AR 72201

RETURN BY OCTOBER 15, 2005

REGISTRATION FORM

ENDORSEMENT TRAINING

CAPSTONE – INTERNSHIP – WORKPLACE READINESS

WORKFORCE TECHNOLOGY (EAST)

OCTOBER 26, 2005

ARLINGTON HOTEL, HOT SPRINGS

MAKE \$55 CHECK PAYABLE TO:

WILBUR D. MILLS EDUCATION COOPERATIVE

Please make your own hotel reservations with the Arlington. The cutoff date for room reservations is September 26, 2005. You may contact the Arlington at (501) 623-7771.

NAME _____

Please Check: ☐ New Teacher ☐ First-time Attendee

SCHOOL NAME _____

HOME ADDRESS _____

SCHOOL ADDRESS _____

HOME PHONE _____ SCHOOL PHONE _____

E-MAIL ADDRESS _____

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LITTLE ROCK, AR 72201

	TOTAL
October 26, 2005 \$55 Due	
Total	

Late Registration Fee After
October 15, 2005.
All refunds will be subject to
a \$20 handling fee.
No refunds will be issued
after October 15, 2005.

ABOUT THE COMMUNICATOR

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The Communicator is your publication and we welcome articles and comments from you about special events or successes you have had. We also appreciate information about resources that you have located and used. However, because of space limitations, we must reserve the right to edit. Articles can be submitted by mail, e-mail, or fax. Those numbers follow:

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